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SUBJECT: BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY: FOREIGN MINISTERS TO
EXAMINE DRAFT ANTI-APARTHEID STATEMENT JULY 25

REF: BRUSSELS 7933

1. SUMMARY: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL HOLD SPECIAL POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING IN ADVANCE OF JULY 25 COUNCIL TO EXAMINE EXPERTS' DRAFT STATEMENT ON APARTHEID TO BE PRESENTED AT AUGUST 22-26 LAGOS CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA AFRICAN DESK OFFICER (VAN BRUSSELEN) GAVE US A RUNDOWN ON JULY 18-19 EC AFRICAN EXPERTS WORKING GROUP, THE HIGHLIGHT OF WHICH WAS THE COMPLETE REDRAFTING OF A JOINT NINE STATEMENT ON APARTHEID FOR THE LAGOS CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID WHICH HAD BEEN INITIALLY DRAFTED BY NINE UN EXPERTS IN NEW YORK. VAN BRUSSELEN SAID THAT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD TAKE UP THAT DRAFT AT A SPECIAL POLITICAL COORDINATION MEETING JULY 25 BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING. DUE TO STILL SOME DEGREE OF DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT STATEMENT, HE SAID THE NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MIGHT BE CALLED INTO SESSION TO GO OVER IT BEFORE SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTERS.

3. VAN BRUSSELEN SAID EXPERTS WORKING GROUP, IN RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTERS' JULY 12 MANDATE TO PUT SOME "TOUGH, ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN, ECONOMIC LANGUAGE" IN THE LAGOS STATEMENT, HAD COMPLETELY CHANGED AND "HARDENED" CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW YORK DRAFT, INCLUDING INSERTING AN ATTACK ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN BANTUSTAN POLICY. HE SAID EXPERTS WERE AWARE THAT THE NINE COULD NOT GET AWAY WITH "SOFT, UN-STYLE" LANGUAGE AT LAGOS, WHERE AFRICANS WILL BE ROUGH ON SOUTH AFRICA AND WHERE THE EC LANGUAGE "SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFERENT" FROM THE AFRICAN.

4. ECONOMIC MEASURES AND CODE OF CONDUCT: VAN BRUSSELEN SAID EXPERTS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS TO WORK ON AN "INVENTORY OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA." HE SAID EXPERTS CAME UP WITH A LIST OF THREE POSSIBLE ACTIONS BEFORE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. THESE WERE:

1) CODE OF CONDUCT. ALL EXPERTS AGREED ON NEED FOR A COMMON CODE FOR EC COMPANIES OPERATING OR WITH AFFILIATES IN SOUTH AFRICA. BELGIAN EXPERT WAS TASKED WITH JOB OF COMING UP WITH FIRST DRAFT OF A CODE WHICH IS TO CONTAIN ELEMENTS OF EXISTING CODES: THE UK, DUTCH, AND THE U.S.

2) USE OF GOVERNMENT EXPORT CREDIT AND INSURANCE

INSTITUTIONS TO INFLUENCE TRADE AND INVESTMENT
IN SOUTH AFRICA.

3) DIRECT GOVERNMENT ACTION TO "PREVENT" NEW
INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

5. VAN BRUSSELEN SAID REST OF WORKING GROUP SESSION WAS
TAKEN UP BY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON
SITUATIONS IN ANGOLA, RHODESIA, CHAD AND ETHIOPIA.
BELGIAN EXPERT WAS DETAILED TO "BROADEN AND DEEPEN"
EXISTING STUDY ON SOVIET POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND AT A FUTURE DATE TAKE UP THE STUDY OF SOVIET POLICY
THROUGHOUT AFRICA. EXPERTS ALSO REVIEWED EC POLITICAL

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COORDINATION ON UN AFRICAN ISSUES.

6. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT LAGOS: VAN BRUSSELEN TOLD US THAT THE NEWS THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD REPRESENT THE US AT THE LAGOS CONFERENCE HAD UPSET NINE PLANS TO HAVE THEIR LAGOS AMBASSADORS LEAD DELEGATIONS, AIDED PERHAPS BY MFA OR UN WORKING LEVEL EXPERTS. HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE U.S. MOVE, THE UK'S TED ROWLANDS DECIDED TO GO, LEAVING THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY WITH THE PROBLEM EITHER TO STICK WITH LAGOS AMBASSADOR AND BECOME A JUNIOR PARTNER OR TO TRADE UP AND SEND FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET. CHAMBERS

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